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Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (89-30) DATE: 10/13/66

FROM : SA JAMES W. SIBERT

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

At approximately 5:45 p.m., on 10/7/66, Mr. FLETCHER THOMPSON, SOG, telephonically contacted the Hyattsville RA, at which time he asked SA SIBERT if at any time during the autopsy any member of the KENNEDY family appeared or sent word to the autopsy room that the autopsy report was to be kept confidential.

Mr. THOMPSON was advised that at no time while the autopsy was in progress did either ROBERT KENNEDY or Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY make their appearance. Furthermore, from the time that agents arrived at the National Navy Medical Training Center, Bethesda, until the autopsy was completed, no individual present made any remark indicating that a member of the KENNEDY family had requested that the autopsy report be kept confidential.

Mr. THOMPSON was again informed that one of the senior medical officers prior to the termination of the autopsy had informed all present that "What has gone on in this room tonight should remain confidential and should not be discussed outside of this room."

Mr. THOMPSON was again advised that the autopsy had definitely been terminated when agents departed for the Laboratory and, in fact, the body had been turned over to members of the Gawler Funeral Home, who appeared following the completion of the autopsy.

Furthermore, information set forth in the FD 302 of agents SIBERT and FRANCIS X. O'NEILL, JR. relating to autopsy findings as stated by Dr. HUME were based on the conclusions reached by Dr. HUME concerning locations of points of entry of bullets and Dr. HUME was not aware that a bullet had emerged through the neck at the point where the tracheotomy incision had been made at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

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Mr. THOMPSON advised it was his understanding that a lengthy television special will soon be scheduled which will involve the authors of the various books written on the subject of the president's assassination who will appear on such program.